

Council Bluffs

STIMSON TO PLAN SEWERS

Council Orders City Engineer to Draft System for Two Wards.

WILL OCCUPY WHOLE SUMMER

Tactic Agreement that Plans for the Fifth Ward Sewers Be Prepared First in Order Not to Delay Paving.

City Engineer Stimson was assigned a big task at the meeting of the city council last night that will occupy all of his spare time during the summer. It was to solve the sewer problem for the Fifth and Sixth wards and perfect plans for the work.

The problem is one that has been pressing for solution for several years and was referred to with much earnestness by Mayor Maloney in his annual message at the first meeting of the new council. It came up last night after a petition had been presented by property owners residing on Fifth avenue asking that a sanitary sewer be constructed before that street was paved, the contract for which has been let.

The proposition from the property owners was that they would be willing to pay for the sewer, although it could not be used until an outlet was provided beyond Twenty-fifth street, but City Solicitor Stuart pointed out that the property could not be taxed to pay for a blind sewer, which would not be an improvement to the property, and he suggested that all would have to sign waivers and the agreement to pay for the sewer, and even then the courts might hold that they need not discharge their obligation unless it could be shown that the proposed sewer was part of a system that had been provided for.

This brought Alderman Boyer to his feet with a motion instructing the engineer to prepare the general sewer plan applicable to the whole western part of the city. Alderman Beebe insisted upon having all of the unanswered part of the Fourth ward included in the same general plan, but he voted for the general plan.

City Engineer Stimson said it would require at least all summer to make the necessary surveys and secure the data upon which to construct the plans, although he could have access to the plans made by Engineer Andrew Rosewater of Omaha, several years ago and later by former City Engineer Elyre. There was a tacit agreement that the plans for the Fifth avenue sewer should be made first in order that the paving of the street should not be delayed, and that waivers for damage and for change of grade decided upon should be secured.

Alderman Boyer asked that the matter of draining Twenty-fifth street be taken from the committee of the whole and given to the committee on streets and alleys and the engineer, the latter's assistance being necessary to secure the levels.

The bonds of Frank Egan, the new member of the fire and police board, \$500, with C. E. Price and H. L. Tinley as sureties, was approved. When the \$500 bond of Charles Davis, newly appointed dogcatcher was presented Alderman Beebe wanted some sort of compelling action taken that would insure his full performance of duty, declaring that there are about 300 dogs in his immediate neighborhood that should be disposed of. The bond was approved.

Property owners on Broadway between Thirtieth and Fifteenth streets, announced their discovery that there was no gas main there, and the matter was referred to the committee of the whole. James Brandon and fifty others asked that the Great Western and Rock Island railway companies be instructed to clean the culverts underneath their tracks on Tenth, Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, and the petition was referred to the streets and alleys committee and city engineer.

Henry L. Duell and twenty other property owners residing on Scott street asked that a number of property owners who had neglected to do so be required to make connections with the sanitary sewers. A motion to refer the petition to the committee on police and health was prevented and it will be investigated by the committee of the whole.

Poll Tax Report. The annual report of Poll Tax Collector Warren Hough showed that he had induced to 1,662 persons to either pay or work out their poll tax obligations, making a net income to the city of \$2,794, less his commission of \$323.50.

The petition of property owners on Thirtieth street from Avenues C to F, asked permission to have the sidewalk moved to the curb for the purpose of averting the destruction of a large number of thirty shade trees, and the request was referred to the engineer.

The grades on Benton street from Hyde avenue to Poston avenue and on Gale avenue from Fleming to Millard street were established by ordinance passed under suspension of the rules. The grade for the new cut required for the opening of Hyde avenue from Benton to Logan streets, was passed after explanations by City Engineer Stimson that the deepest cut would be thirty-five feet and the maximum incline 12 per cent. This will require the removal of about 96,000 cubic yards of earth, introducing the amount to be taken from the street by Contractor Wickham to fill North Harrison street, which will require only a few thousand yards. Bids for cutting through the hill were advertised for, but the city clerk announced that none had been submitted.

Road to Water Trucks. Upon petition of the Pioneer Implement company the Union Pacific railroad was instructed to raise its tracks on Tenth avenue between Sixth street and Main, which are six inches below the paving. The Burlington has agreed to raise its tracks at the same point.

Owing to the fact that the washing out of Thirty-seventh street has cut off communication with the city dumping ground, permission was given, under supervision of the health officer, to deposit soil ashes and similar refuse on "Uncle" Henry DeLong's playground, where a fill of seven feet is being made. Alderman Beebe suggested that city teamsters also be instructed to deposit the dirt gathered up from the streets in the same deep hole. In the absence of Mayor Maloney Alderman Fisher occupied the chair.

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Fire started by an electric light wire caused the firemen to make a run to the home of Wood Allen on Clark avenue yesterday night. A few minutes after the firemen had returned to their houses, someone pulled the alarm box in the same vicinity and sent in a false alarm.

Contractor Wickham yesterday began the work of constructing the new concrete sidewalk ordered by the city council on the north, west and south sides of Benton park. Commissioner Graham's promise that he would have the north triangle of the park, which was filled with blight, earth last autumn ready for the lawn mowers by the middle of June, has been assured of fulfillment by the appearance of a dense sward of tiny green grass a week ago.

Haze; camp, Woodmen of the World, will send delegates to the meeting that will be held in Des Moines on Friday afternoon of this week to protest against the proposed increase of rates. There are 300 camps in the state, and it is expected that at least 1,500 delegates will attend the meeting and unite in the protest. Alderman W. C. Boyer, H. A. Lenox and Mr. Hawkins will constitute the Council Bluffs delegation. Alderman Boyer is confident that he has not lost any of his ability and expects to do some effective knocking.

People's Congregational church, Thirty-fifth street and Avenue B, Rev. C. S. Hanley, pastor—Tuesday night, business meeting of the Ladies Aid society; Wednesday night, prayer meeting, led by Mrs. Heaton; Thursday night, choir practice, Mrs. Heaton; Friday evening, concert by the choir, with silver offering at the close to help pay for the new piano. Mrs. W. C. Boyer, Mrs. A. A. Simpson, Mrs. Frank Westcott and Mrs. Jay Smith were elected delegates to the association at Labor Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. W. A. Copeland has been elected, draught of the church for 1912, and has made 200 visits thus far. The new individual communion service was used for the first time on Sunday evening.

After suffering three weeks from pneumonia and almost reaching the point of recovery, John M. Harden died shortly before midnight, Sunday night at Mercy hospital. Death was due to a relapse. Mr. Harden was 69 years old. He is survived by nine children. Mrs. Julia Myers and Mrs. Wyoming Land, both of this city; Mrs. Rose N. Sharpey of Burwell, Neb.; Mrs. Mary Boun of Omaha, Miss Anna Harden at the family home, 2615 Fifth avenue, and William J. L. O. K. and F. S. Harden, all of this city. Mr. Harden was an old soldier, a member of the Fifth Kansas cavalry, and was a member of the Union Veteran's league. The funeral will be held at Woodring's chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. H. Williams of the Broadway Methodist church will conduct the services. Burial will be at Walnut Hill cemetery.

A number of changes were made in the line of arrival and departure at Council Bluffs of the trains of the Illinois Central railroad, which took effect Sunday. A new Chicago train was also added, which will be known as the Chicago-Omaha express, westbound as No. 7 and eastbound as No. 4. These trains are scheduled to leave Chicago at 11:45 p. m. and arrive in Council Bluffs at 2:30 p. m.; returning, leave Council Bluffs at 11:15 a. m. and arrive at Chicago at 7 a. m. Between Dubuque and Fort Dodge they make the same stops formerly made by trains No. 11 and No. 22, which have been discontinued. Between Fort Dodge and Omaha the new trains take the place of trains No. 5 and No. 4. Train No. 7 will carry sleeping cars from Chicago to Dubuque, Chicago to Waterloo and Chicago to Fort Dodge; a dining car between Dubuque and Council Bluffs, and a chair car and coach between Chicago and Omaha. The St. Paul Express will leave here at 2:10 p. m. instead of 2:25 p. m., the former time.

Monday afternoon about twenty-five Royal Neighbors of Oak Leaf camp, descended upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Littlefield, 2322 avenue A, to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Littlefield. The neighbors took possession of the house and decorated it with purple and white, the colors of the order. There were also a number of invited guests including Rev. John Crystal and wife of the Memorial Baptist church, Mrs. O. Robertson, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. A. N. Kalb, and daughter, Mrs. Wooley and son, Mrs. J. M. Bradley, Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Rose Freeman of Milwaukee, Mrs. Church and son of Kansas City. The oracle of the order called the meeting to order and remarks were made by a Neighbor, appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Littlefield was presented with a linen table cloth. The Royal Neighbors brought refreshments and the guests were served from a long table. The center piece consisted of flowers, grass, chickens and rabbits. The place cards were chickens of all colors, bursting from the shell.

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